

WI-579
Main Street Pumping Station
Salisbury
Public

1926 and later

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-579

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Main Street Pumping Station

other

2. Location

street and number 640 East Main Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name City of Salisbury

street and number Government Office Building telephone

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber folio

city, town Salisbury tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources: previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Main Street Pumping Station complex is located at 640 East Main Street in the center of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story brick station is located on the north side of the east branch of the Wicomico River within the Municipal Park. The pumping station faces north with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis. Joining the pumping station is a reservoir contained within an earthen bunker located to the east and a poured concrete foundation to the west.

Built in 1926, the single-story, five-bay brick pumping station is supported on a poured concrete foundation with a partially excavated cellar pit to house pumping equipment. The north (main) façade of the pumping station is a symmetrical five-bay elevation defined by a series of six brick pilasters that rise to from the concrete floor to stone capitals under a plain frieze. The frieze is laid in a soldier course above the pilasters and Flemish bond above the soldier course. Between the pilasters is a center entrance and five metal windows fitted stone sills and movable window panels. The entrance is made of double metal doors with glass panes above the lock rail. The front entrance is also fitted with large screen doors. Fixed above the door opening is a large transom window of metal muntins and large glass panes. East of the door opening is a bronze plaque with raised lettering that states, "Municipal Water Works, Erected 1926." The "Water and Sewer Commission" project was financed in part by a bond issue, Chapter 494, of the Acts of 1924. Serving as president of the commission was Charles E. Harper. Also listed are W. Upshur Polk and F. A. Grier, Jr. Frank H. Dryden was the chief engineer. Fixed to each side of the entrance are large metal lamps with ball-shaped globes. The rectangular brick pumping station is covered by a broad hip roof sheathed with slate. The extended eave shades a brick bed molding that finishes the top of the wall surface. Piercing the roofline is an internal, off-center brick chimney.

The two-bay east end of the station is defined by three pilasters. The bays between the pilasters are filled with large metal framed windows. The window openings are spanned by soldier course arches that rest on steel lintels.

The west end of the station has a side entrance centered on the wall within a wide projection of brickwork. The door is framed by a crosstetted stone surround with a plain frieze and crown molding above. Fitted within the door surround is a partially glazed door. The bays to each side are pierced by metal sash windows that have stone sills and soldier course arches. Like the north elevation the wall is defined by projecting pilasters with stone capitals.

The rear wall is marked by six brick pilasters, however the wall spaces between are pierced by two large metal framed windows at the east end. Electrical service is supplied to the building through the rear wall.

Located east of the pumping station is an earthen bunker topped by a single story brick structure topped by a hip roof. Large louvered openings pierce the sides. Standing west of the pumping station is a circular, poured concrete water foundation which has a circular center form from which the water spurts. Also located on the property are several small brick structures covered with pyramidal roofs which mark the locations of the various wells on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates _____ **Architect/Builder** F. H. Dryden, engineer

Construction dates 1926

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Salisbury Advertiser, May 1909

² Charles J. Truitt, *Historic Salisbury Updated, 1662-1982*, Salisbury, Maryland: Historical Books, Inc., 1982, p. 167.

³ Philip C. Cooper, *Historical Sketches of the Origin and Development of the Municipal Park*, "What's Past Is Prologue," Wicomico County Centennial, Inc., 1967, p. 173.

⁴ *Salisbury Advertiser*, January 30, 1926.

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⁵ *Salisbury Advertiser*, June 26, 1926.

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for the purchase, in whole or in part, of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) of 4 ½ per centum bonds to be issued by the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, Maryland, for the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, maintenance, operation, purchase and condemnation of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems for the City of Salisbury, Maryland.

These bonds will be serial, coupon bonds, interest payable semi-annually on the first day of March and September of each year until the maturity thereof....

This issue is authorized by Chapter 494, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, at its session of 1924....

By order of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, Maryland, this 4th day of January A.D. 1926

E. J. C. Parsons

Salisbury Advertiser, June 26, 1926

CITY OFFICIALS PUT O.K. ON NEW PUMPING STATION

Inspect Plant And See Water Galore Produced Thursday Afternoon.

GOES IN OPERATION ABOUT JULY FIRST

With Maximum Pumping Capacity 5,000 Gallons Per Minute And
Storage of 1,000,000 Gallons, System Can Supply Population 50,000

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Motors were started by employees of the concern having the installation in charge and the onlookers saw a supply of water rush through the pipes which, they were told, constituted a full fire load required by the underwriters for a city of 30,000 people with only part of the pumps in operation. With fire engines of Salisbury, Delmar and Princess Anne pumping full force, it was pointed out by Engineer Dryden, the supply would then exceed consumption.

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The pumps are of 1,000, 1,500 and 2,500 gallons capacity per minute, respectively. The enormous quantity of 5000 gallons every sixty seconds would be available should the exigency for such a quantity of water ever arise.

With equipment already installed, or under construction, Salisbury will carry at all times a reserve of 800,000 gallons—500,000 in the reservoir, 200,000 in the new reserve tank, Ellen street, and 100,000 in the old standpipe. When the other storage tank is erected a million gallon supply will be available at all times.

With a normal consumption of water in Salisbury of 800 gallons per minute, only one low and one high pressure pump, capable of developing 1,000 gallons per minute, will be required, and to operate for only 12 hours per day.

The water system, officials stated, is designed to take care of a city of 50,000 population and is adequate, therefore, not only for present needs but for many decades to come.

The present bond issue is sufficient, Mayor Parker stated, to afford the city adequate fire protection and to build the main line sewers and water mains and a few laterals. An additional sum, however, is necessary he stated for the building of a greater part of the laterals.

Twenty new eight and ten inch fire hydrants have been put in in the last few weeks, giving the city a total of 86 of these connections. More are to be added.

Only July 1st the old plant of the Salisbury Water Company, Mill street, will be closed down. A new pipe line, straight up Main street to Division, is now in operation and new mains in other sections of the city are being laid.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Salisbury Advertiser, various issues, Wicomico County Free Library.

The Wicomico News, various issues, Wicomico County Free Library.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 20 acres

Acreage of historical setting 53 acres

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart		
organization	Private Consultant	date	5/11/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

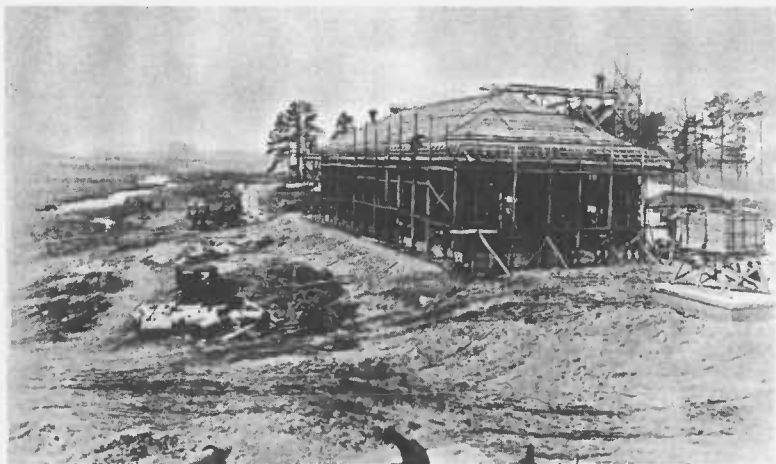
were purchased from Mrs. Annie E. Banks and Miss Wilsie Banks for \$800.

This statesmanlike move by Mayor Parker and other responsible civic leaders was not a popular decision in this day when money was so hard to come by that financial gymnastics had to be employed on occasion to meet the weekly payroll. The Wicomico News, by blistering editorial comment castigated those irresponsible officials who had squandered public funds on this "worthless property".

In spite of this opposition, however, Mayor Parker appointed Salisbury's first Park Commission in 1927 consisting of Fred A. Grier, Jr. (Chairman), Oscar Lee Morris, Sr. and Mrs. Fred Adkins. From this day on Salisbury was officially dedicated to development of a park system.

The early development in the park area consisted primarily of construction of the water pumping station and several modest bridge and dam structures. Fill dirt was hauled by horse cart from the south side of the stream and the narrow, winding watercourse was widened and deepened to secure dirt for the initial grading operations.

For a period of time during the years of the "depression", funds were lacking and progress was slow; however, due to the persistence of the Park Commission and city officials some work was done each year. In 1930 the Wicomico County Welfare Board (Fred Webb, Chairman) was organized and provided labor for some of the early park improvements with the city furnishing tools and supervision.



SALISBURY'S WATER PUMPING STATION ERECTED 1926

In 1932 Salisbury's Bicentennial focused attention on this budding park by scheduling its outdoor services and water pageant there. The new illuminated water fountain was unveiled on this occasion. Eight weeks before the Bicentennial was to begin, city engineer Frank Dryden had so admired a picture post

Ohio, that he commissioned his assistant, Clark Gardner to develop the plans and have the fountain complete in time for the festivities.

With the August storm of 1933 came flood waters that caused failure of Schumaker Dam and a flood that destroyed the primitive structures in the park area.

During the next few years there came into being three (3) Federal Aid Programs designed to give employment during the years of depression. The Civil Works Administration (C.W.A.) 1933-1935± which provided manpower and partial materials to match city plans and supervision; the Public Works Administration (P.W.A.) 1935-1940± which provided funds for approved contract work; and works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) 1935-1940± which succeeded C.W.A. and provided manpower, equipment and materials, while utilizing city plans and supervision, etc.

By a combination of all three of these programs, the city under the official guidance of Wade H. Insley, Sr., Mayor; Brady Dayton, area W.P.A. co-ordinator and Clark Gardner, City Engineer proceeded, for a period of about six years, to plan and construct the basic facilities for that part of the park which lies between Snow Hill Road and Civic Avenue.

Widening and deepening of the stream, including the part which made Picnic Island, was done by hand labor methods, under the immediate supervision of A. P. Isakson who also served as street foreman for Salisbury during these years. Trees were planted, low

places filled, bridges and water channels built, two tennis courts built, North Park Drive constructed, bandstand, sheering along the waterfront, flagpole, shrubbery and etc. Many of the trees that grace the shady slopes were given by interested local people, who donated them as a gift or mem-

IMPORTANT PERSONAGES

by James P. Bailey

WI-579

It is recognized that one reaches maturity at 21 and so it was with Wicomico County. Born in 1867, it was in 1888 that one of its citizens first reached a position of public and political significance.



JAMES CANNON, D. D.
Bishop Methodist Church
South 1918-1944

During this period Carrie Nation was making her attacks on whiskey barrels and saloons. Support for her cause was found in another Wicomico Countian whom the American Press catapulted from his Methodist pulpit to the front page of every newspaper. James Cannon, born in Salisbury, November 13, 1864, was a minister in the Methodist Church South and in 1902 he became a member of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America and a most vocal exponent of its philosophy and position.

With the adoption of the 18th Amendment in January of 1919, his active prohibitive work was over except that during the Smith-Hoover campaign of 1928, with Smith running on a ticket calling for repeal of the 18th Amendment, he served as Chairman of the Anti-Smith Democrats. Smith lost but so did Cannon, for in December of 1933 the 18th Amendment was repealed. Cannon was elected Bishop of the Methodist Church South in May 1918 and he died September 1944.



E. E. JACKSON
Governor 1888-1892

Elihu Emory Jackson was born November 3, 1837, entered business at an early age, served in both houses of the Maryland Legislature during 1882-1888 and in 1888 became the first and only Wicomico Countian to serve as Governor of Maryland. His home was "The Oaks" in Salisbury and for many years he was the most influential Democrat on the Eastern Shore.



WILLIAM H. JACKSON
MC 1901-1905
1907-1909

Politics ran in the Jackson family and it was William H. Jackson, a brother of E. E. Jackson, born two years later in 1839, who became the first Wicomico Countian to serve the Federal government, being a member of Congress in the 57th, 58th and 60th Congress, 1901-1909 (less '05-'07). He was a leader among the Eastern Shore Republicans and gave the original Peninsula General Hospital to the community.



JESSE D. PRICE
MC 1914-1919

While Bishop Cannon was espousing

years 1921-25, inclusive to George Dashiell, and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1921-25, inclusive.

No. 4. All that lot with improvements thereon, situate in the City of Salisbury, in Parsons Election District, Wicomico County, State of Maryland, located on the northerly side of and binding upon East Church Street, more fully described in deed to Wm. B. S. Powell from the White Sales & Service Co., dated July 14th, 1921, recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, in Liber J. C. K. No. 123, folio 368. Assessed in the years 1922-25, inclusive to Wm. B. S. Powell and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1922-25, inclusive.

No. 5. All that lot or parcel of land, situate in Nutters Election District, Wicomico County, State of Maryland, located on the Easterly side of and binding upon Fruitland to Meadow Bridge County Road, containing 16.15 acres of land, more or less. More fully described in deed to Ernest S. Ruark from Elijah W. McGrath and Eloise McBrierty Doody, dated July 24, 1920, recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, in Liber J. C. K. No. 118, folio 284. Assessed in the years 1919-25, inclusive to Ernest S. Ruark, and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1919-25, inclusive.

No. 6. All that tract or parcel of land with improvements thereon, situate in Nutters Election District, Wicomico County, State of Maryland, on the West side of and binding upon the road leading from Fruitland to St. Lukes, containing 5.24 acres of land, more or less. More fully described in deed to Landie J. C. Layfield from Harry V. Toadvine and F. Leonard Walles, Executors, dated November 29, 1919, recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, in Liber J. C. K. No. 117, folio 139. Assessed in the years 1921-25, inclusive, to Landie J. C. Layfield, and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1921-25, inclusive.

No. 7. All that piece or parcel of land, situate in the city of Salisbury, Parsons Election District, Wicomico County, State of Maryland, on the north side of E. Church Street and fronting thereon, which was conveyed to Joseph M. Cornish by Wm. T. Wilkins by deed dated August 31, 1918, recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, and which was conveyed by Joseph M. Cornish and wife to Fannie Gardner and Lillian Pease by deed dated July 14, 1925, recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber J. C. K. No. 140, folio 127. Assessed in the years 1922-25, inclusive, to Joseph M. Cornish and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1922-25, inc.

No. 8. All that lot or parcel of land, situate in Parsons Election District, Wicomico County, State of Maryland, on road from Walston to State road to Pittsville, and more fully described in deed to Solomon

Holland, and to be sold to enforce the payment of State and County taxes for the said years 1918-25, inclusive, in District No. 11.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

Title papers at the expense of the purchaser.

HARRY DENNIS,

Treasurer of Wicomico County, Maryland. 5-5t

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One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) each, numbered from Two Hundred Fifty-one (251) to Five Hundred Fifty (550), the redemption in series commencing with No. Two Hundred Fifty-one, (251) redeeming twenty-three (23) bonds each on the first day of March, 1944, 1945 and 1946; twenty-five (25) bonds on the first day of March, 1947; twenty-six (26) bonds on the first day of March 1948; twenty-seven (27) bonds on the first day of March 1949; twenty-eight (28) bonds on the first day of March 1950; twenty-nine (29) bonds on the first day of March 1951; thirty-one (31) bonds on the first day of March 1952; thirty-two (32) bonds on the first day of March 1953; thirty-three (33) bonds on the first day of March 1954, at which date all of the said bonds will have been retired.

This issue is authorized by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, at its session of 1924. The assessable basis of the City of Salisbury is \$10,100,000.00, and the said bonds are exempt from State, County and Municipal taxation. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, Maryland, this 4th day of January A. D. 1926.

E. J. C. PARSONS,

Clerk of Salisbury, City Hall, Salisbury, Maryland. 3-3t

er, late of said Wicomico County, deceased, will offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder at the shop or place of business of the said deceased, in Mardela, Wicomico County, Maryland, beginning at or about ten o'clock in the morning on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1926

all the personal property of the said deceased, consisting of concrete funeral vault manufacturing equipment, tools, implements, truck, tractor, certain articles of household furniture and all other goods, chattels and personal property of the said deceased.

At the same time and place the said Administrators will offer for sale as aforesaid, certain exclusive rights of the said deceased to manufacture concrete funeral vaults.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on all purchases amounting to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) or less; one-half cash on all purchases in excess of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and one-half payable three (3) months after date of sale, the deferred portions to bear interest and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Administrators' or all cash at the option of purchasers.

NETTIE B. COOPER,
F. W. C. WEBB,

4-2t Administrators.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County, in the State of Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

WILLIAM HENRY WHITE

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30th day of July, 1926

or they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of January, 1926.

S. KING WHITE,

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IRA E. PHILLIPS,
Administrator.

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of Wicomico girls and boys
to our minds the idea of
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a period of the year at which
former residents, who could so
their affairs, might come back
a few days or longer.

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SHORE NORMAL GETS MISS HELEN JAMART

Popular Athletic Official With P. A. L.
12 Years, To Head Physical Dept.

Miss Helen Jamart, who for the last
two years has been State supervisor of
girls' work for the Playground Athlet-
ic League, has handed in her resigna-
tion to that organization. She has
accepted a position which will put her
in charge of the physical education
department of the Salisbury Normal

Months—Advertising Program, Highly Productive

"I never was on the dull, tame shore,
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Land values, as a result of the con-
fidence reposed in the beach, not only
by the natives but by outside capital
as well, have soared to undreamed-of
heights and vie with those of many
resorts a dozen times Ocean City's
size.

Many of the places are already open
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CITY THREATENS TO ANNUL 'WHITE WAY' LIGHTING CONTRACT

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Dilatory In Installation
Main St. System

\$50 FOR INSTRUCTION
JUVENILE MUSICIANS

Ordinance, Designed To Keep Closer
Tab On Weight Loads Of Coal De-
livered Here, Is Ordered Drawn—
Laundry Gets Rebuilding Permit.

The ornamental lighting on Main
street, an agreement for the installa-
tion of which was reached some
weeks ago by the Mayor and Council
and Eastern Shore Gas and Electric
Company, must become a reality "at
the earliest possible moment" or the

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mestic trouble, Mrs. Schofield said. Officials of the Electric Company declared that his conduct of the business had been very satisfactory and that his suicide could not have been induced by personal financial embarrassment.

EMPLOYEE, 56, HELD D. J. ELLIOTT FIRE

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disastrous fires had broken out. Loss at these blazes ran up into many thousands of dollars.

Several witnesses for the State testified that the accused had made significant statements, which would tend to incriminate him. Emory Smith, 302 Lake street, a fellow employee, told the Court that he had seen Stevens leave the alleyway on the mill property less than an hour before the alarm was sounded. Smith resides just in front of the factory property. Last week, sometime, while talking about the fire, Stevens remarked "I may have cut my own throat but it has been done and can't be helped. Say nothing boy," Smith testified.

C. C. Figgs, who boarded at the same place Stevens did, testified that he was not able to sleep that night and had heard the defendant leave the house by the back door and from the window had seen him enter the mill premises 15 or 20 minutes before the blaze was discovered.

Two witnesses were put on the stand by the alleged incendiary, a Mrs. Collins and a Mrs. Griffin, but neither could account for his whereabouts between 11 P. M. and the time the fire was out.

State's witnesses testifying were: Officer Cahall, D. J. Elliott, Wm. Griffin, Harry Welch, Jr., Emory Smith, C. C. Figgs and Louis Burton. Negro. Griffin, the fireman, testified that everything was in such shape when he left at 10.30 P. -M. that it would have been practically impossible for a fire to originate without the aid of a human agency.

Mr. Elliott stated that he had been warned by one of his employees, Frank Minner, on the afternoon previous to the fire that Stevens was a dangerous man and would bear watching. Neither Mr. Elliott or any of the other witnesses could assign any motive as to why the accused might have cared to do the mill-owner damage.

Mr. Elliott, just after the fire, stated it as his opinion that the fire was an arson job. Fortunately for Mr. Elliott, the loss was about 70 per cent covered

by insurance. Stevens, it is said, is a married man but separated from his wife.

CITY OFFICIALS

PUMPING STATION

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erected a million gallon supply will be available at all times.

With a normal consumption of water in Salisbury of 800 gallons per minute, only one low and one high pressure pump, capable of developing 1,000 gallons per minute, will be required, and to operate for only 12 hours per day.

The water system, officials stated, is designed to take care of a city of 50,000 population and is adequate, therefore, not only for present needs but for many decades to come.

The present bond issue is sufficient, Mayor Parker stated, to afford the city adequate fire protection and to build main line sewers and water mains and a few laterals. An additional sum, however, is necessary he stated for the building of a greater part of the laterals.

Twenty new eight and ten inch fire hydrants have been put in in the last few weeks, giving the city a total of 86 of these connections. More are to be added.

On July 1st the old plant of the Salisbury Water Company, Mill street, will be closed down and all water will be closed down and all water A new pipe line, straight up Main street to Division, is now in operation and new mains in other sections of the city are being laid.

The city's 53-acre plot of ground, with the pumping station, areator house, reservoir and other features is fast becoming one of the show places about Salisbury and further plans for beautifying the surroundings are under way. The property, which cost the city but \$5,000, has already advanced materially in value.

LAD GETS SIX MONTHS IN "CUT" FOR AUTOJACKING

His Pal, Former Reform School Inmate, Returned To Institution.

Ralph Brattan, 17, was sentenced Monday to serve six months in the Maryland House of Correction by Magistrate L. T. Hearne, when presented on charges of the larceny of an auto from the L. W. Gunby Company, this city. Ernest Ward, 16, incriminated

in the same offense, was returned to the Maryland Reform School where both were formerly confined. Ward was under parole from the school.

The lads were found at a house on Cross street which police were investigating and the proprietress of which was fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct. The auto, the youths claimed, had been abandoned in Worcester county.

H. I. OSWALT LEAVING GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

Popular Construction Supt. Leaves July 15 For New Iberia, La.

Harry I. Oswalt, for the past ten years General Superintendent of Construction for the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company and well known throughout the Peninsula, has resigned his position and will leave about July 15th for New Iberia, Louisiana, where he has accepted a similar post with the Gulf Public Service Company, publisher of the Day and Zimmerman Company, with which concern Mr. Oswalt has been associated 17 years of the 20 in which he has been engaged in construction work.

Mr. Oswalt and family moved here from Altoona, Pa., and have made many friends. He is an ardent sportsman and a great devotee of baseball, being a member of the Board of Directors of the Salisbury Club from which he has also resigned. The best wishes of the community will go with Mr. Oswalt to its new and broader field of activity. The Gulf Company controls many properties in Louisiana and East Texas. Mr. Oswalt's property, near West Main Street station, has been acquired by the Holt Oil Company.

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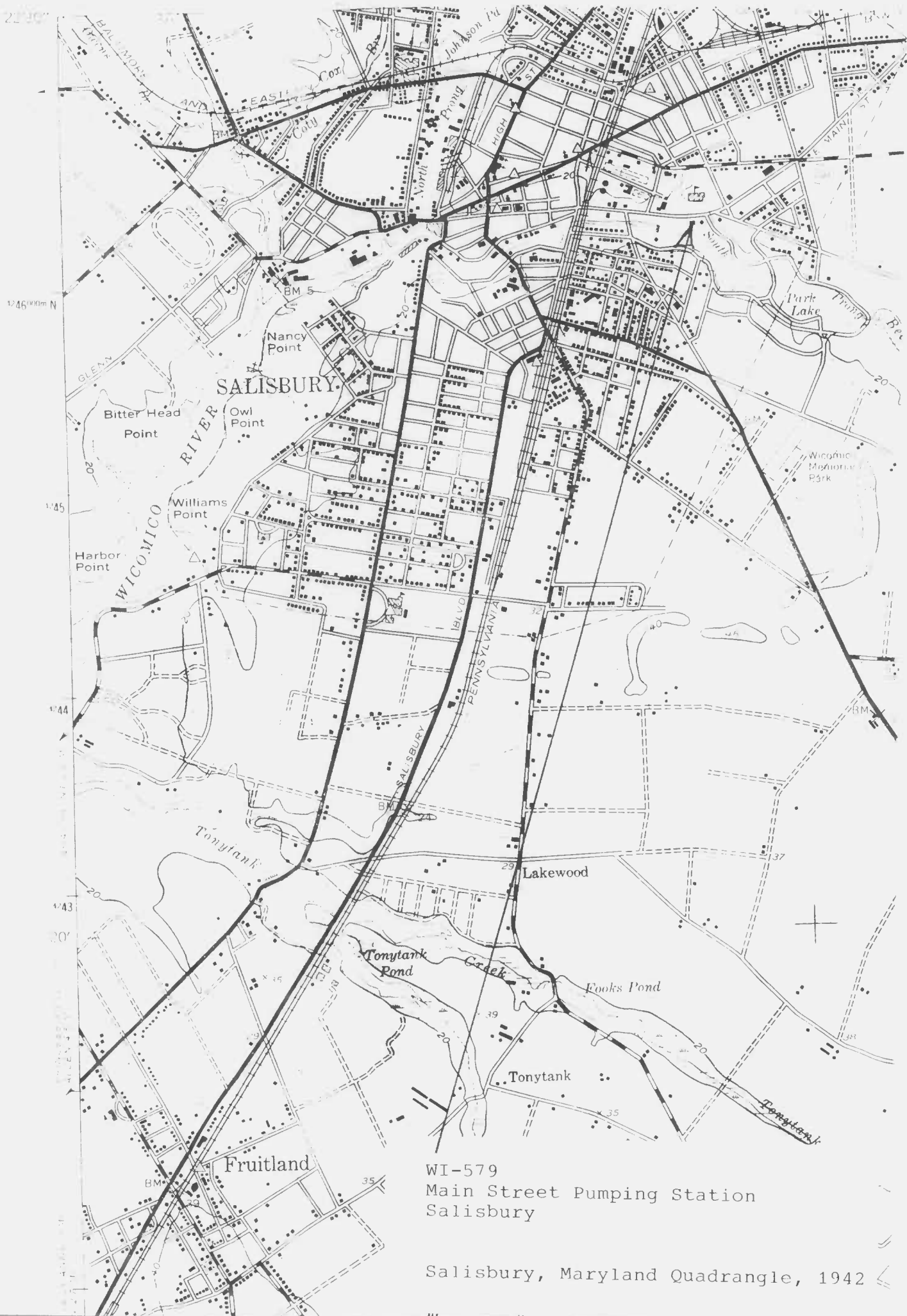
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SALISBURY, Wicomico County, MD

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Main St. Pumping Compress

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MAIN ST. PUMPING STATION CONCRETE
SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

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5/01, PAUL TOWN, AUTOCORRECTION

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